

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this continuation application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim 28, which is directed to nickel powder has been amended to recite that 50% of the powder has a grain size greater than about 0.050 mm. Support for this amendment is found in the specification at page 12, lines 27-29.

Claim 29 depends on Claim 28 and has been amended to recite the process by which the nickel powder is made. Support for this amendment is found in original Claim 28.

Claims 30 and 31, which depend from Claim 28 as amended, have been amended to conform to U.S. practice. Support for Claims 30 and 31, as amended, is found in original Claims 30 and 31.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claims 28-31 define patentable subject matter over the art cited during prosecution of the parent application. An early allowance of all Claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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